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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: Andrews et al.	Confirmation Number: 2124
Application No.: 09/485,657	Group Art Unit: 2615 (formerly 2644)
Filed: March 24, 2000	Examiner: Michalski, Justin
Title: A Distributed Stereo System	

Response to Non-Final Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final office action mailed June 6, 2006,¹ Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following remarks.

Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Examiners Chin and Michalski for the courtesy of the personal interview conducted on June 13, 2006, on very short term notice. That interview identified certain issues the Examiners would like to see addressed and, Applicants respectfully submit, pointed up certain errors underlying the Examiners' reasoning which this Response and the attached submissions will address. To that extent, the interview was extremely beneficial, and Applicants are glad to have been able to conduct it.

With regard to the Interview Summary, which was prepared and sent to Applicants after Applicants had left the interview (i.e., without Applicants having had a chance to review and comment on it), although it is largely accurate, there is one significant omission. In particular, Supervisory Examiner Chin specifically acknowledged that Lamb et al., on which the Examiner is now relying in part to support the obviousness rejections, is not analogous art. Although that

¹ The June 6, 2006, Office Action supersedes the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006.